

1. Claims 1-4, 12-29 and 36-38 are allowable. The restriction requirement of groups I and II, as set forth in the Office action mailed on 1/25/2010, has been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a).

The restriction requirement is hereby withdrawn as to any claim that requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.

2. In view of the above noted withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant is advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Once a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

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